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1. SUMMARY: AFTER EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF POLITICAL BUREAU
NOVEMBER 10, SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED GOZ DECISION TO RALLY AROUND OAU
PRESIDENT'S POSITION ON ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT MOBUTU CONVOKED NOVEMBER 10 SXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF POLITICAL BUREAU. MAIN ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS ANGOLA. GIVEN
FACT THAT ANGOLA TO ACCEDE TO INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A FEW HOURS, POLI-
TICAL BUREAU SPOKESMAN NGUZA KARL I BOND, SAID IT WAS NECESSARY
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FOR GOZ TO MAKE KNOWN ITS POUITION. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIS

STATEMENT:

3. GOZ HAVING BORDER OF 2,600 KMS, WITH ANGOLA, CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO ALL THAT IS TAKING PLACE IN THAT COUNTRY. SPOKEMAN RECALLED TRIPARTITE MEETING IN BUKAVU BETWEEN TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE AND ATTENDED BY THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. AT THAT MEETING MOBUTU SUGGESTION THAT THREE MOVEMENTS BE TREATED AS EQUALS WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. THIS LATER FACILITATED TASK OF NAKURU AND ALVOR CONFERENCES WHICH REDEFINED POSITION OF GOP AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ON QUESTION FREEDOM OF ANGOLA. NGUZA UNDERSCORED THAT SINCE MARCH 1961 UNTIL THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL, ZAIRE HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED GRAE WHICH HAD SINCE BECOME KNOWN AS FNLA. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT JUNE 1975 MEETING BETWEEN PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS AND MOBUTU HAD RESULTED IN AN AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE 2 PARTIES WOULD MAINTAIN STRICT NEUTRALITY VIS-A-VIS THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SINCE ADOPTION OF THAT ACCORD, ZAIRE HAD OPENED ITS DOORS TO ALL THREE MOVEMENTS. FNLA WAS ALREADY IN PLACE, AND WHEN SAVIMBI CAME, HE WAS RECEIVED WITH OPEN ARMS. OTHER PARTY DID NOT ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH MOBUTU. NOTWITHSTANDING ITS BASIC SUPPORT FOR FNLA AND UNITA, GOZ HAD DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT TO SEEKING A RECONCILIATION AMONG THREE MOVEMENTS EVEN BEFORE PRESENT SITUATION, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE OAU. NGUZA NOTED THAT OAU PRESIDENT AMIN HAD SENT EMISSARY, THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TO SEE MOBUTU AT END OF LAST WEEK. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO EXPLAIN OAU OFFICIAL POSITION, AS WELL AS AMIN'S, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF AOU, ON ANGOLA. NGUZA ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MILITARILY FNLA/UNITA CONTROL 11 OUT OF 16 DISTRICTS WHILE REMAINDER ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE THREE MOVEMENTS. DESPITE THESE MILITARY FACTS AND ITS CLOSE TIES WITH FNLA AND UNITA, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF OAU PRESIDENT AND FORMAL PROMISE MADE BY MOBUTU TO AMIN, THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF ZAIRE, NGUZA SAID, IS THE "TOTAL RALLYING AROUND THE POSITION ADOPTED BY OAU PRESIDENT AMIN." THIS ATTITUDE ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT AFRICAN UNITY AND THE DESIRE TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED THE BEST IN ANGOLA.

4. INsofar AS CABINDA IS CONCERNED, NGUZA SAID THAT ZAIRE AND ITS PRESIDENT HAD CLEARLY SET FORTH ITS POSITION WHICH IS THE INDEPENDENCE OF THIS TERRITORY BASED ON THREE FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

- 1) JURIDICAL: (CABINDA IS A PROTECTORATE, ANGOLA IS A COLONY.)
- 2) GEOGRAPHICAL: (ANGOLA AND CABINDA ARE SEPARATED BY ZAIRE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL BUREAU SPOKESMAN RECALLED SITUATION IS SIMILAR OF THAT OF BANGLADESH.) 3) SELF DETERMINATION FOR ALL THE PEOPLE AS ENUNCIATED IN RESOLUTION 1514 OF THE UN. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

5. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE STATEMENT AND GENERAL GOZ POSITION ON ANGOLA, DO NOT SEE NECESSITY FOR EMBASSY MAKE DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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